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R.C. Hagans To Intern At Times Square Church

Our oldest son, R.C. (Richard Cecil II), has received an invitation to do a one-year internship in New York with Times Square Church. R.C. is an artist with a heart for needy children. In New York he will be working in the Missions Department of Times Square Church as well as helping at "Child Cry", a para-church ministry devoted to feeding hungry children around the world.

R.C. is custom made for this type of work. He has followed me around the world ministering to needy people since he was born. Even before he was born, when Kim was pregnant with RC, we were working for David Wilkerson in Texas. One day Brother Dave came up to Kim and told her, "As you and Rick are ministering to the poor (we were foster parents at the time), the Holy Spirit is even now ministering to the son in your womb. He will grow up to be like his father, and reach out to poor and needy children."

As a two week old baby, I remember Leonard Ravenhill dedicating R.C. to the Lord. Kim and I took RC to the Ravenhill's home for tea. Brother Ravenhill had prayed for a week until he felt he had a word from the Lord for RC. He couldn't have been more right. All those years ago he simply said, "God has lent you this child but for a while. You will raise him, but God will claim him. This boy will grow up to be a friend to the poor and a champion to their cause. When God is ready (and he is ready), He will call him to rescue the poor and needy. You and Kim will raise him, but you won't keep him. RC will always belong to the poor."

That was almost 24 years ago and those words have proven true over and over again. RC grew up with junkies as babysitters. His playground was the parking lot at His Place. His vacations were mission trips to sad, lonely places around the world where we were as likely to eat with starving children as at McDonalds. In school, RC always befriended the underdog. He was a hero to so many kids because he would always stick up for them. No one ever got bullied when RC was around, he'd protect anyone who needed it. The kids at school, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn, at our orphanage in Mexico, all the kids, always loved RC.

Now he has the chance to love kids all around the world. His work in New York will allow him to touch many lives and in doing so to be touched himself by Jesus. It's going to be a great internship for RC and for those lives he'll touch.

For this internship to be possible, we need your help, RC needs your help. It'll cost approximately \$800 a month for RC to be able to do his internship. That's very cheap by New York standards, but it's still money neither he nor we, his parents have. RC wanted to fight professionally to help raise his money, but Pastor Carter at Times Square Church asked him to lay down his gloves (I know some of you have been praying he would give up fighting). In giving up fighting, RC has given up his one source of income. So, we're asking you, our friends, if you believe in helping the poor he's called to serve..."WOULD YOU HELP RC?"

He needs \$800 a month or about \$9,600 total. You can give a one-time gift or make a monthly pledge (we already have one person pledging \$100 a month, praise God and thank you Dr. O). He'll be moving to New York in June, so we need your help now (and for the 9 months to follow). If you'd like to help, please send your gift to Harvest Evangelism, PO Box 2888, Opelika, AL 36803. You can also give by paypal or credit card online at www.harvestevangelism.org (please email or call and let us know so we can correctly direct your online gift). Please designate your gift for RC's support and let us know if you'd like to make a monthly pledge.

As RC's father, his namesake, I can assure you that you'll never invest in a braver, better man. As his father, I thank you.

Rick

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HIS PLACE TESTIMONY

My name is Russ Thomas, and I am 27 years old. I was born and raised in Boaz, Alabama. When I arrived at His Place on June 11, 2009, I was a puppet of Satan. I was so caught up in the pleasures of the flesh, Satan totally controlled my life. When I faced the trials and problems of everyday life, I turned to the devil's medicine which was drugs instead of being responsible. I became addicted to the drugs. It resulted in a life of sin and misery – hurting not just me – but also my family.

With God's help and many prayers, I made the best decision of my life – I decided I needed help. On my Mom's birthday, I entered the His Place recovery program and Jesus Christ began a work in me that would change my life forever. I had no idea what God had in store for me. Shortly after arriving, God began to speak to my heart through exposure to His Word and through prayer. Several things became clear to me. First, the results of doing things my way unveiled the reality that I was a slave to sin. Second, I knew that until I was ready to allow Jesus Christ to come in and change my heart and soul, I would never be able to change.

God's grace and mercy proved sufficient! I repented of my sins and asked Jesus Christ to come into my life and take control – and He did! One of my favorite verses in the Bible is found in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." God gives us direction every day – through the principles of His Word, prayer, and the council of those He places over us, but He allows us to make our own choices. If you lean on our own understanding without following God's guidance, you will end up living a miserable life just like I did, and scores of other people in this world ("There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. Proverbs 14:12). But also like me, you can choose to let Jesus Christ come into your life, change you, and give you a real future in this life and the life to come!

Since Jesus came into my life, He has done great things for me. He has sent some wonderful people to me to help me on my exciting new journey. God has blessed me in so many ways that I can't even count them. He has brought restoration to my personal life. One of the greatest blessings is that I am starting to be reunited with my Mom and Dad. Another blessing is I was given a job offer from Hometown Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Opelika a few weeks ago as a salesperson. I started my job on April 12th, and I sold six vehicles after only being there a couple of weeks. Some people would say that this is beginner's luck; however, I say it is God's blessing!

I want to thank Jesus Christ my personal Lord and Savior for bringing me to His Place and giving me my life back. Because Christ lives in me, I can live my life to its fullest potential with no regrets. I can't say thank you enough to His Place and all of the staff for being there for me helping me through this transition in my life. I want to say thank you to my Mom, Dad, family, and friends for praying for me and loving me when I was not loveable. Finally, thank you Marrell Hartley, Joe Laro, and all of the employees at Hometown Ford Chrysler Dodge Jeep for stepping out in faith and giving me the opportunity that I have now.

I am very proud to tell you that I am a graduate of His Place as of April 25, 2010. I could not have completed the program without all of your prayers and support. I LOVE YOU ALL!!!



Glen giving diplomas to our 6 newest His Place graduates



This graduation was our largest ever, standing room only. Moody once said, "The world would rather see one Lazarus than hear a hundred more sermons on the resurrection." This proves it.



Pastor Rick and our newest graduates. Through 30 years of this ministry, we've seen HUNDREDS of changed lives.

Special Projects/ His Place

As I sit here writing I am basking in the joy of success. I have just returned to my office from our semi-annual graduation. Today we graduated thirteen ladies and six men from our restoration program. Nineteen lives restored. Restored to their children, restored to their parents and in some cases restored to spouses before Satan could destroy the marriage, but also restored to God. Some experiencing salvation and others restoring the joy of their salvation.

I just noticed how many times in the previous paragraph I used the word restore or a derivative of the word. But I don't apologize; because that is the business we are in. "Some men desire a ministry within the sound of a chapel bell, we run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."(C.T. Studd)

Because He Lives,
Bro. Don



HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

April Showers bring May flowers and May brings in Mothers Day and in honor of our moms we have decided to share some pictures of the ladies and their children that live with us at Hope's Inn. We actually have twelve mothers that are at Hope's Inn even though all of their children are not able to be with them we want to honor these ladies in recognition of the Godly mothers they are becoming through their dedication and obedience while they are participating in the Hosanna Home program. It is such a delight to see these moms growing in the Lord and to see these beautiful children run up and down these halls and referring to Hopes Inn as Xander, (one of the kids who live with us here at Hope's Inn) does when he says, "We're going to "mommies house". Hope's Inn has become a place of safety and a home to these children and their moms so **Happy Mothers Day** to all of our Moms.



"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."
James 1:27

Come see our mothers and children, they'll be glad to see you and you'll be glad you came, and The Father will be proud of you.



As we ended the month of April we were blessed to graduate thirteen ladies from our program and I can honestly say this is the biggest graduation for Hosanna Home and I was so proud of each and every one of them. It is our prayer that they will continue with what they have learned at Hosanna Home and hold on to that Hope of Jesus Christ.

Harvest Thrift Super Center

The pollen is gone and the flowers are blooming. Have you taken a moment lately to know that he is God? We pray every day for the Holy Spirit to come into our building at Harvest Thrift Super Center. What a concept!!! The thing is when we look for God and call out to Him, He hears our prayers!!! Oh what a wonderful thing. We see his miracles every day and rejoice in the victory. What other store do you know of that trusts the Holy Spirit to help and gives all the glory to God?

Someone said recently God doesn't have any grandchildren, only children!!! What a family. We receive confirmation from our brothers and sisters from all over the United States. Some as far south as Tampa, Fla. And north from New York and others from next door. Woo Hoo!!! (I just wanted to give a shout out to our brothers and sisters across the land.) What a blessing to have the confirmation of a nationwide family. WE LOVE YOU!!! Let our local and long distance brothers and sisters know you appreciate them helping Harvest Evangelism by helping yourselves. We need your donations.

Harvest Thrift Super Center is more than good deals, tax deductions and a place to volunteer your time treasure and talent. It is a place of celebration. We are honored and privileged to be hosting Pastor Rick's **Tent Revival**. May 3rd -9th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm we will have food and from 7:00-until we will have praise and worship with Pastor Rick, Ms. Kim, Brother Glen and others will be speaking during the week. You certainly don't want to miss that !!! So come and worship/celebrate with us at Harvest Thrift Super Center. We would love to see you and see the confirmation of our prayers.

God Bless!

Greg Boyd

Harvest Thrift Super Center Director

Some of our men found some "Incredible" costumes and decided to out them to use.

They dressed up and stood in front of our store.

It was...Incredible!



Winchester Hagans Writes From Ireland:

I have been written about in this newsletter more than once, I have a father who enjoys bragging on his kids, but I have never written in it.

Until now that is.

I am a month into my year internship with Donnybrook Church in CorkCity, Ireland. And even though I have gotten homesick more than once I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be right now. Mostly because I know that this is right where God wants me to be. But it has been hard adjusting to live here. I live in a house with 6 other people, and it is nice living here. I am around people who want to get closer to God, but they goof off, tell jokes, poke fun and play games. But we also stay up late drinking coffee and talking about Christianity, discuss religion and what we believe We cook, clean and learn to grow up. Although as I turn 20 this week I wish I could fly, like Peter Pan, and live with the lost boys forever. But I know that is nothing but a fairytale. And I live in real life, and in real life I am preparing for a life in ministry and have to grow up(well as much as my father at least).

As an intern I do a number of things. The most common of which is cleaning the church. But there is more to it than that. I have been speaking weekly at a nursing home, I help do the games at the youth meeting on Friday nights, go to/help set up for a college age meeting on Sunday nights, go to church Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons and I also go to prayer meetings on Monday nights. But I have also helped with other evangelistic outreaches since I have been here. My first weekend in Ireland I went with a few other interns to Athenry, and have done some here in Cork's city center.

Please keep me in your prayers while I am here. It is hard to be this far away from home, especially knowing that I won't see my family till Christmas. And if any of you would like to know more about what I am doing/have done over here and what God has done/is doing in my life feel free to write me and I will respond as soon as I can. But just know that it takes about 2 week for mail to go one way. My address is: WInchester Hagans, C/O Browningston House, Ballinglough Road, Cork, Ireland (yes, that's all you need, my parents sent me a box of goodies and it got here.) I am also on facebook and my email is: wchagans@harvestevangelism.org

His Servant,
Winchester Hagans

\$20,000 Already Pledged For Our New His Place Graduate Home's Carpenter Shop

In last month's newsletter we told you about our new His Place Graduate Home. Refurbishing work is continuing there. Kim even faux painted the entry room there last week.

Even with work going on, we already have 3 men living there. We're not exactly sure how many men will end up living there, probably 4-6. These men are all continuing their walk of recovery and renewal. They are all working or in school full-time. They attend church and have discipleship classes at the house. They hold each other accountable and minister to others in the community. Mark Gatlin, the Harvest Evangelism Board Member who got this project off the ground, invisions our house becoming a lighthouse and a mission right there in the neighborhood.

One aspect of our new graduate home is a large workshop we plan to renovate into a chapel of sorts, with an actual carpentry shop attached. Just last week a friend of Harvest Evangelism pledged \$20,000 to do those renovations. Praise the Lord, He is Jehovah Jireh, The God Who Provides. We've already started with some of the renovations.

We still need carpentry tools for the shop. If you have any table saws, routers, planers, or ANY CARPENTRY TOOLS you could donate, our new Carpenter's Shop sure could use them.

You can bring your donations by His Place or our Harvest Thrift Super Center (JUST MAKE SURE THE PEOPLE AT EITHER LOCATION KNOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE FOR THE "CARPENTER'S SHOP")

If you need anything picked up or perhaps you would like to help with this project, you can call Larry Presley at 334.444.5231. Larry will be glad to help you and to get your help.